GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:257
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2003
DISTRIBUTION OF WHEAT AND RICE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the additional quantity of wheat and rice allocated to drought hit States from Central Pool to face the prevailing drought conditions in their States;

(b) whether Food Corporation of India propose to export certain quantity of wheat and riceto foreign countries as cost of storing the foodgrains is increasing;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for exporting foodgrains, when several States are hard hit by drought?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.257 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 07-03-2003 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): To tackle the drought situation, 57.68 lakh tonnes of foodgrains have been allocated to the drought affected States. The break-up of foodgrains allocated to these States is at Annexure.

(b)&(c): The Food Corporation of India does not export foodgrains. However, foodgrainsare offered for export purposes to liquidate the surplus stocks and to prevent escalation in food subsidy on account of carrying costs.

(d): The allocation of foodgrains to the drought hit States is not affected due to offer offoodgrains for export on account of surplus foodgrains stocks in the Central Pool.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 257 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 07-03-2003 IN THE LOK SABHA.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF FOODGRAINS TO DROUGHT AFFECTED STATES UNDER SP COMPONENT OF SAMPOORNA GRAMIN ROJGAR YOJANA DURING 2002-03.

(Fig. In tonnes)

S.No.	State	Wheat	Rice	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	2000000	2000000
2	Chhatisgarh	0	236116	236116
3	Haryana	25000	0	25000
4	Himachal Pradesh	4232	5768	10000
5	Jharkhand	20000	20000	40000
6	Karnataka	0	365000	365000
7	Kerala	0	10000	10000
8	Madhya Pradesh	271586	95914	367500
9	Maharashtra	92640	23180	115800
10	Orissa	0	400000	400000
11	Rajasthan	1898420	0	1898420
12	Tamil Nadu	0	50000	50000
13	Uttar Pradesh	200000	0	200000
14	Uttaranchal	19000	31000	50000

Total	2530878	3236958	5767836